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To temporarily increase the number of visas available for backlogged spouses and children of lawful permanent resident aliens.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHAYS (for himself, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. FROST, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. KOLBE, Ms. LEE, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. PETRI, Mr. SCHAFER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. UNDERWOOD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Immigration Backlog
5 Reduction Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. 5-YEAR INCREASE IN VISAS FOR BACKLOGGED**
2 **SPOUSES AND CHILDREN OF LAWFUL PER-**
3 **MANENT RESIDENT ALIENS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to any immigrant visa
5 numbers otherwise available, 60,000 immigrant visa num-
6 bers shall be made available in each of the fiscal years
7 2000 through 2004 for aliens who have petitions approved
8 for classification under section 203(a)(2)(A) of the Immi-
9 gration and Nationality Act for the fiscal year.

10 (b) PRIORITY.—

11 (1) Subject to paragraph (2), visa numbers
12 under this section shall be made available in the
13 order in which a petition, on behalf of each such im-
14 migrant for classification under section 203(a)(2)(A)
15 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, is filed with
16 the Attorney General under section 204 of such Act.

17 (2) Visa numbers under this section shall first
18 be made available to aliens for whom the petitioning
19 alien did not become an alien lawfully admitted for
20 permanent residence through the operation of sec-
21 tion 210 or 245A of the Immigration and Nation-
22 ality Act.

23 (3) The per country numerical limitations of
24 section 202 of such Act shall not apply with respect
25 to visa numbers made available under this section,
26 and visa numbers made available under this section

1 shall not be counted in determining whether there
2 are excess family admissions in a fiscal year under
3 section 201(c)(3)(B) of the Immigration and Nation-
4 ality Act.

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